This petition could badly damage the independent ISPs in all parts of the country.

If the FCC stops regulating broadband service, large phone companies will start charging

outrageous sums for broadband connections, making it impossible for my ISP and others

to compete. I get much better service from my local provider than from SBC California. When I called SBC, I spoke to a man in the Philippines. When I call my independent ISP, I speak to someone 8 miles away. Please refuse the BellSouth petition.